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Unity Spotlight on ELCA Mission Support Our Assembly Tithes to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March Spotlight – ELCA Faith Practices

Faith Practices is our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life in Christ, detailed in our Baptismal Promises, or the five gifts of discipleship: to **live** among God's faithful people; **hear** the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; **serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth!"

February Spotlight – ELCA Faith, Science and Technology

We are a church that is energized and guided by lively engagement in faith and life, and committed to encouraging conversation from a faith perspective about science and technology issues in our society and world. The ELCA teaches that science and technology are expressions of human responsibility to learn and predict, imagine and invent for the sake of caring for creation together. The God-given gifts of science and technology should be used only as a means to respect and promote communities, life and human dignity. There is no inherent conflict between scientific findings and the understanding of God as creator, redeemer and sanctifier." (cf. ELCA statement on "[Genetics, Faith and Responsibility](#)," page 4.)

Strengthening the Assembly

Concert Series Fundraisers

Welcome Michael Miller Beginning This June

Michael's first contact with Unity was a year ago. He was looking for a venue for his Chamber group to perform, and contacted a number of churches on the North side.

Michael lives in Rogers Park and has been a life-long Lutheran. Unity was the first response of all his inquiries, according to Michael, and the most favorable and most enthusiastic to work with. After his second concert at Unity this year, he knew there was an opportunity to have a concert series, reaching out to the artistic community of performers and listeners here on the north side.

This monthly series beginning in June will offer musicians a place to perform, and a reliable monthly neighborhood



option of a music concert organized with care and performed at a high level.

Michael's goal is to build up by starting small, asking for a small donation from attendees, and beginning to save and meet some of our restoration goals at Unity. There will be ways for all of us to work with Michael in bringing this exciting and transformative concert series to fruition. Stay tuned for full schedule!

*We welcome you wherever you
are on your spiritual journey:
returning, long time member
or questioning.*

Lent – Holy Week – Easter

Holy Week and the Three Great Days

Sunday of the Passion-Palm Sunday -

March 20, 10:15am

Stations of the Cross at Immanuel –

Wednesday March 23, 7:00pm

The Three Great Days

Maunder Thursday - Thursday March 24, 7:30pm

Good Friday - Friday March 25, 7:30pm

Vigil of Easter - Saturday March 26, 7:30pm

Easter

Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Morning –

March 27, 10:15am with brass, wind, and choir

Lenten Wednesdays

March 9, 16

7:00pm Vespers, a contemplative evening prayer liturgy

7:30pm Soup Supper and Table Talk on “Sensing the Gospel” a five-part series of meditations for Lent – Touch, Sight, Taste, Hearing and Smell – which invites us to think about Jesus' ability to make God known in tangible, sensory and incarnate ways. Sign-up for Soup Supper at Coffee Hour.

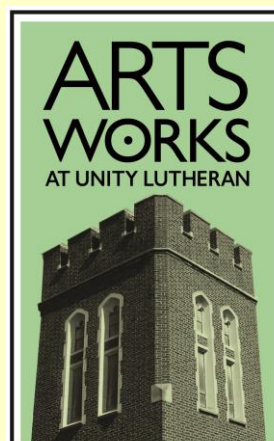
ArtsWorks

**Thanks to all Unity Members for
Helping make the Younan Shiba**

Opening a Big Success!

Now Running through March 27

**ArtsWorks - SAVE THE DATE
Unity and Friends Growing Community II
Opens Sunday May 15, 2016**



Our Faith in Action



ONE Northside Community Convention

Sunday April 10, Lakeview High School, Ashland & Irving Park, Doors Open at 2:00pm

Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality holds its second biennial Community Convention. Feel the power of over 1,000 of your north side neighbors holding key decision makers accountable for the equality we demand for our families, and the least among us.

SACRED SEEDS

A Jewish, Christian, Muslim Encounter Presents,
Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee and Immigrant
Sunday April 17, 2:30-4:30pm, Ismaili Center, 6200 N Broadway

A community Interfaith gathering and conversation hosted by the Edgewater Community Religious Association. Be part of this vital dialog that engages this national issue. A free event with live folk music and refreshments.

Growing Our Faith

Prayer Breakfast

Saturdays March 26 & April 30, 10:00am

A monthly ministry of Unity that begins with brunch and conversation, and offers prayers for the church, the world, and people in need. All welcome to join in this ministry and gathering of the church.

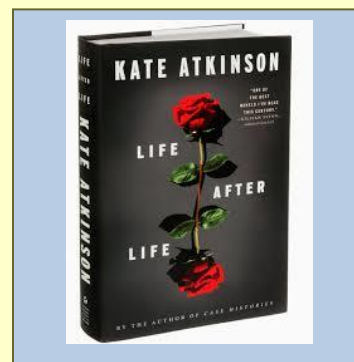
Prayer Concerns

We pray for JaLinda Wilson recovering from surgery at home. We give thanks that Rose Addo has found independent housing very close to Unity.

Soup-er Bowl of Caring

Thanks for your generous donations February 7th!

54 soup cans and other donations were received, tackling hunger, for the benefit of Care for Real!



Book Discussion

Sunday April 17, 11:45am

Reading: "Life After Life," Kate Atkinson

Life After Life approaches the universe in ways both large and small, balancing the interior lives of Ursula's friends and family with the weight of two World Wars. Alternately mournful and celebratory, deeply empathic and scathingly funny, Atkinson shows what it is like to face the horrors of war and yet still find the determination to go on. From her deeply human characters to her comical dialogue to her meticulous plotting, Atkinson is working at the very top of her game. An audacious, thought-provoking novel from one of our most talented writers. Join the discussion!

Unity is a [Reconciling In Christ](#) congregation. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome within the gathering and membership of this congregation and encouraged to share in its sacramental and community life.

Growing Our Faith

Celebrating Unity New Members Received February 7, 2016

Oliver Tugend was born and raised in Germany. He moved to Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood in June 2014. He walked into Unity Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve 2014 and has been attending ever since. He has been a Lutheran since his baptism on August 8, 1971 in Berlin. Today he is working as the finance and controlling director at the German company Robert Bosch in Broadview, Illinois.

Michael Hamilton was born a WWII baby into a strict Catholic family. Michael has been a college professor, a business technical instructor and computer forensic specialist. He is now retired and enjoys writing love sonnets, creating thematic pastel paintings, playing his Yamaha Portable Grand and dabbling in acting as a novice in the Unity Players. Over many years he has given several presentations on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and has recently started to work with Pastor Fred in advancing ECRA and Sacred Seeds Interfaith Dialogue. His life-long soul searching in hundreds of places of worship has finally found rest and content in the embrace of such a friendly, open, and active faith community at Unity Lutheran.

Chuck Redeker was born an only child and raised on a farm in southern Illinois. From an early age he knew he was being led to enter into Christian Education. After attending a one room Lutheran elementary school, he later attended and graduated from St. Paul's College, Concordia, MO and Concordia University, Seward, NE. He served three LC-MS congregations and schools: Glendale, CA (Teacher, Principal, DCE); Wichita, KS (Teacher and Youth Director); and Morton, IL (DCE and started Lutheran School). In 1988 he received a Master's in Counseling from U of I, Springfield, and subsequently worked at a residential facility in Peoria for 17 years as a therapist, director and VP of the residential program. He moved to Chicago in 2007, first working for the Cook County Office of the Public Guardian and for the last 4 years: UCAN, where he currently is the Director of Residential Services. Chuck has 3 married children and 2 granddaughters. Chuck is joining Unity because of the close knit community here and the opportunity to be actively involved.

Dear THRIVENT Members *2015 CHOICE DOLLARS®* *EXPIRE SOON*

Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars®.

Thanks for directing gifts our way in the past, and remember that Choice Dollars® can make a very positive impact for Unity Lutheran Church.



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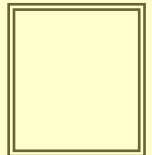
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Unity's vision

**is to be an urban green space
welcoming everyone into a holy encounter
where we are changed
that all may be fed as Jesus feeds us**

Core Values:

- +Welcoming Everyone + Weekly Worship
- +Caring Community +Children & Youth
- +Gospel of Jesus +Experiencing God
- +Engaging Our Neighbor
- +Putting our Faith into Action Courageously



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